



NOVEMBER 2025

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TOGETHER FOR JOY

"For all the saints who from their labors rest...."
- For All the Saints, v. 1

Dear Church,

The first Sunday of November is one of my favorite in the church calendar year: **All Saint's Day**. The day where we speak names, light candles, and thank God for those who have gone before us. We sing Ralph Vaughn Williams's timeless hymn "For All the Saints" and speak of the hope we share in the resurrection in all times and places.

It is not an easy Sunday. I knew a widow who once waited more than five months to return to worship after the death of her husband so that she could come on All Saints Sunday as her first week back. She said it was the only Sunday where she felt it was acceptable to cry, knowing that there would be tears in the eyes of many near her in the pews. While I do not suggest that to anyone, it speaks to the power one Sunday can have.

Every year around All Saints, I try to watch the Pixar movie, Coco. It is a touching tale about a young boy named Miguel who is trying to find his way in the world, but due to a fortuitous accident on Dia de los Muertos, ends up instead in the Land of the Dead. There he learns all about his family history and finds out the truth about his musical heritage. It is breathtakingly beautiful to watch. And, importantly, it is a beautiful reminder that we are formed and informed by those who have gone before us.

Who is a saint in your family? Whose name do you remember on this day? I hope you'll take a minute to remember the saints who have been on your journey with you. In this season of thanksgiving, let us honor and give thanks to those whose generosity in life have brought us to this moment now.

With care,
Pastor Kelley

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 2

COMMUNION: Sunday, November 2. the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. Plan to be in church on that day to share this meal with the people of God. If you will be joining us online, please have your forms of bread and juice available at home!

FOOD ON THE FIRST: Food items (non-perishable) are collected on the first Sunday of the month and then taken to The Storehouse Food Pantry. Bring your items on Sunday, November 2, or during office hours the week before.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 2

Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 1, as that is when Daylight Savings ends. We would hate for you to be an hour early to church on Sunday, November 2.

SAVE THE DATE - COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE - NOVEMBER 23

SAVE THE DATE. We will celebrate Thanksgiving as the ecumenical family of faith, gathering with churches throughout the Speedway community on **Sunday, November 24, 5:00 p.m.**, at Speedway Baptist Church located at 2986 Moller Road. There will be pie afterwards.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Worship Team will soon begin our busiest time of the year and there are a few dates that needed to be added to your calendars.

November 16 – JKPC Choir Concert

Join us for an afternoon of music with the John Knox Chancel Choir! Our fall concert will celebrate and reflect on our fall season of music making. The concert will begin at 3:00 p.m. with doors opening at 2:45 p.m. We'd love to see you there.

Saturday, November 29 at 10:00 a.m. we will need help getting the Advent items out of the loft, garage, etc and in place for "Hanging of the Greens".

Sunday, November 30 after the church service "Hanging of the Greens" will take place. A chili lunch will be provided. Please plan to stay and help the Worship Team get our church adorned for the Advent Season.

Poinsettia order forms are enclosed and must be completed and placed in the offering bowl along with your payment of \$10.00 per plant by December 7, 2025. All plants will be red.

Ringin' Bells - If anyone is interested in ringin' bells, please contact Madelin Cattet. We will ring for a service towards the end of November. Usually only three rehearsals are needed for preparations.

Questions may be directed to any member of the Worship Team. Madelin Cattet, Elijah Culp, Teresa Gorrell, Carol McKeown, Susan Roberts, Diane Whittaker and Jim Williams.

HAT & MITTEN TREE

The Advent season is approaching and so are the colder temperatures. It's time to make sure our neighborhoods' needy children have warm hats, gloves, scarves, mittens and socks to help keep them warm. The Hat & Mitten Tree will be set up in the main hallway and ready for your donations on October 26. Donations will be accepted through November 23, 2025. Delivery to each school will be made before Thanksgiving. Thank you for giving. Your show of love is always amazing.

Your Mission Team

STOREHOUSE TURKEYS & HAMS

The holidays are just around the corner and it won't be long before The Storehouse will be distributing their annual Thanksgiving boxes full of food including hams and turkeys. JKPC has aided in the purchase of these festive meats in the past and the Mission Team is making this tradition happen again this year by providing envelopes marked turkey and ham and placing them on a table in the main hallway starting October 19, 2025. You may purchase an envelope or two (or more), for \$10.00 each. Place your check, payable to the Church and marked Storehouse Ham or Turkey, or your monetary donation, into the envelope, and place it in the Offering Bowl. The Storehouse freezers will start filling with these meats soon.

Thank you for donating.

The Mission Team

TIDINGS DEADLINE

Articles for the **DECEMBER 2025** issue of the John Knox Tidings are **due by Wednesday, NOVEMBER 19.**

The preferred way to turn in your articles is to email them directly to the editor: JKPCTidings@gmail.com or place them in the **TIDINGS mailbox** in the Church Office.

TEACHERS NEEDED

The CE team is looking for teachers and/or helpers for Children in Worship and Sunday School for the JAM (Jesus and Me) class and the youth class. Jillian Flynn is teaching the Children in Worship and will help anyone interested in helping or teaching. She is also doing the youth class and needs helpers in that class. The JAM class we need people to help if someone isn't available to help Pam. If you have any questions please see Jillian Flynn, Diane Whitaker or Pastor Kelley. Thank you for your consideration.

FALL FESTIVAL THANK YOU

The Deacons put on a successful Fall Festival. The weather definitely cooperated again this year. The tally showed about 119 guests attended. Some were church members, but many came from the neighborhood. Lots of pumpkins were painted, games played, and crafts made. Several church members stepped up to help with the games and the crafts! We couldn't have done it without them! A special thanks to Sandy Jordan for organizing the clothing giveaway. It was a whole team effort!

THANKS FOR THE CANDY!

The Education team would like to thank all who contributed and served at the Trick-or-Treat gathering at Westview Christian Church and Iglesia Hermandad Cristiana on Halloween. It was a great night! The kids enjoyed being warm indoors and trick or treating throughout the church halls.

PRIME TIMERS PLANS - SAVE THE DATES

Nov 11th (Tues.) Thanksgiving Pitch-In (10:00 Set-up; Arrival 11:30 am)
Location: John Knox Parlor Room

A sign-up list is posted on the bulletin board. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and invite a friend to join us. Plan to join us at 10:00 am for set-up & cooking our Thanksgiving meal. For lunch only, please arrive early (around 11:30 am) so that we can eat lunch at 12:00 noon. Need a ride? Please contact the church office or Julia Pratt 317-430-1701. We'll make arrangements to pick you up.

Dec 9th (Tues.) Christmas Lunch Together
Location: L.S. Ayres Tearoom at Indiana State Museum

Come join us for this time of fellowship for our special holiday lunch at the L.S. Ayres Tearoom downtown. We plan to request 12:00 Noon reservations. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the office bulletin board. To ride together, please meet at the church between 11:00 to 11:20 a.m. If you need to be picked up beforehand, please contact the church office or contact Julia Pratt #317 430-1701 for a ride.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

You earned \$79.14 during the 3rd quarter of this year. Since the 20/20 Fund no longer exists, money raised from the Kroger program now goes into the Camp Pyoca Scholarship Fund. We now have 39 participating households which is a decrease of 1 from the last quarter. If you are not participating in the program, instructions on how to sign-up are on the table under the bulletin board by the church office. The instructions are copied on blue paper. The program is free. All you need is a Kroger Plus card which you can get by going to the Customer Service Desk at any Kroger store. Every time you make a purchase at Kroger, you are supporting the youth in our church. If you have questions, contact Judy Ricketts at 317-272-2533. She will be happy to walk you through the process to sign-up. Thanks for your support.

ANNUAL PW CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Winter will be here before we know it, so please mark your calendars for the Annual PW Christmas Celebration. On December 14, 2025, the Circle City Ringers will perform at 3:30 pm in the Sanctuary. The concert is FREE! At 5:00 pm, a catered dinner will be served and you MUST HAVE A TICKET for the dinner. **Ticket sales will start on Sunday, November 9, 2025, and end on December 7, 2025.** Adult tickets are \$15.00 each. Children ages 6 - 12 are \$12.00; and children below 6 are free.

Gift card and candy baskets will also be raffled at the dinner and you can purchase raffle tickets for \$1.00 each at the same time the dinner tickets are sold.

If you would like to donate gift cards for the baskets, please give them to Sandy Jordan or anyone on the PWCT. We can accept them starting now through Sunday, November 9, 2025. The more gift cards the better. It allows us to make more baskets which means more to raffle! Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Don't miss this evening of music, food, fellowship and joy!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	10 a.m. Worship	Online
Sep 21	76	10
Sep 28	53 *	10
Oct 5	82	10
Oct 12	84	10
Oct 19	8	10

* PYOCA weekend

DONATIONS REQUESTED

The Storehouse (Food, clean plastic bags, & empty egg cartons)

Please donate food items to our local food pantry, The Storehouse. They also need clean plastic grocery bags and empty 1 dozen size egg cartons. Place these donated items in the marked boxes under the table near the office bulletin board. Financial donations are also encouraged. Simply write your check to "John Knox Presbyterian Church" and note "The Storehouse" in the memo line. We'll make sure everything reaches them. Thank you!

Can Recycling (Trash for Ca\$h) – John Knox General Fund

Thank you to everyone who regularly donates to our recycling efforts. Place any metal and/or soda can donations in the kitchen green bin marked "recycle". Please be kind to clean any food or drink residue from inside the cans. This helps prevent unwanted critters inside our church kitchen. Please note that OmniSource weighs and prices different metal types and this is why we ask you to help by separating steel vs. soda cans for our recycling purposes.

Public Recycling at OmniSource – John Knox General Fund

You can also recycle steel and soda cans at the public recycling at the OmniSource facility. OmniSource is located south of downtown at 2115 South West Street, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Staff are friendly & assist with unloading cans, if needed. To recycle at OmniSource, simply follow the public recycling signs, bring a driver's license, expect a picture, and a signature for their records. The paper receipt provided is the ticket to retrieve "recycle" cash at the automated window. Open hours: M-F 8:00 am/4:00pm; Sat. 8:00am/1:00 pm. They are closed first weekend of every month and holidays. You can share your recycle proceeds with John Knox (mark the donation, "recycle monies" and give to Cindy Hiday).

“Pop Tabs” for Henry – Ronald McDonald House (RMH)

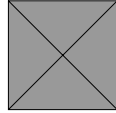
We also collect tabs from cans for Henry, grandson of Sandy & Jack, who loves to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. Tabs can be found on several can-types (vegetables, soup, pet food, soda, etc.). Please donate tabs to this worthy cause in our “tab” containers strategically placed around John Knox (kitchen collection can, plastic teddy bear at Fellowship Hall entry, and large container near office bulletin board). Thank you!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Judy Ricketts	Nov 1	Betty Dunkel	Nov 18
Mariah Judy	Nov 2	Sharon Flannery	Nov 18
Braydon Nshom	Nov 3	Jonathan Barnhouse	Nov 20
Pam Whitehouse	Nov 3	Assurance Nshom	Nov 20
Claudene Sullivan	Nov 8	Cheryl Morrell	Nov 21
Madelin Cattet	Nov 12	Destiny Abuwoa	Nov 25
Lora Spargur	Nov 12	Jeffrey Orme	Nov 25
Caitlin Whitaker	Nov 13		

ORDER FORM FOR POINSETTIAS & WREATHS Due December 7, 2025

Name _____
of plants _____ @ \$10 each TOTAL \$ _____
In Honor of: _____
In Memory of: _____



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